(b) whether reservation/relaxation has been provided for SC|ST employees promotions under "Lateral Advancement" as suggested by Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Judgement date the 29th August, 1988. (i) if not reasons therefor; and (ii) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A Scheme of Lateral Advancement has been introduced in cadre of JTOs working in Department of Telecom. The JTOs under this scheme are placed in the scale of 2000—3500 on completion of 12 years service in the cadre of JTOs only to relieve the senior members of the carde of stagnation. This placement is on nonfunctional basis which implies that the officials on placement in higher scale continue to perform the same duties which they were hitherto performing. The placement in higher scale does not, therefore, amount to promotion.

(i) The scheme had been implemented with effect from 1.1.1990.

(ii) and (iii) The scheme does not replace the normal scheme of promotion from JTO to Group B. Hence clearance of the backlog of vacancies under this scheme does not arise. The reservation for S/C and S/T will apply as usual at the stage of promotiin to TES Group B.

(b) The Supreme Court judgement referred to does not apply to this case. This judgement is in respect of promotion to higher cadre whereas in this case there is no promotion involved.

Pollution Inspectors in Delhi Administration

1356. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of pollution Inspectors, had been created in Transport Department of Delhi Administration and about 50 Inspectors having Engineering qualifications were recruited/appointed in 1987;

(b) whether the Department has framed Rules within one year of 1st recruitment in compliance of Government of India's notificaton No. A-12011|1|88 dated 26th April, 1988; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the rules are likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Delhi Administration have created 50 posts of Pollution Level Test Inspectors in the year 1987. A total of 46 Inspectors with Engineering qualification have been recruited so far.

(b) The posts were filled on a regular basis and necessary recruitment rules have already been framed by the Delhi Administration.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Findings of a Committee of Press Council of India

1357. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter Government are aware that according to the findings of a Committee of the Press Council of India, the reports of atrocities and human rights violation by security forces in Kupwara, in Jammu and Kashmir which appeared in foreign press, are entirely baseless;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with concerned foreign Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The factual position has adready been communicated to the Ministry of External Affairs to advise our

Embassies abroad for dissemination of the information to the international media to expose the disinformation campaign.

Pakistani spy ring busted in Kutch, Gujarat

1358. SHRI MURLIDHAR CANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Pakistani spy ring operating in Kutch, Gujarat was recently busted; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating their modus operandi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) One Junas Dosal, resident of District Kutch was apprehended on 5th May, 1991 while trying to cross over to India. A case under Official Secrets Act was registered against him. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Interview of Governor of Kashmir

1359. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an interview given by the Governor of Kashmir to 'Janes Defence Weekly' as reported in the National Herald of August 2, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incidents of Kahnyar and Chotta Bazar in Srinagar; and

(c) whether any further information confirming the Governor's view that 'Pakistan is conducting a proxy war in Kashmir' has come to Government's notice, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

On 8th May, 1991, a patrolling party of Para Military Forces was fired upon by some terrorists in Khanyar, where a congregation was present for burial of dead bodies, The Para Military Forces also opened fire and in the crossfiring 11 persons were killed and 43 injured. Subsequently four more persons succumbed, to their injuries. A criminal case has been registered in connection with the incident of firing; a high level inquiry has been ordered and 3 CRPF personnel have been placed under suspension.

Another firing incident occured on 11th June '91 at Chota Bazar locality of Srinagar wherein 19 persons were killed and 6 injured. In this case also 2 criminal cases have been registered and investigation has been made over to CBI. A regular Court of Inquiry has also been ordered.

Interrogation of arrested terrorist and other information has revealed that arousing the Kashmiri youth in the name of Islam, Pakistani has been overtly funding, training, arming and infiltrating them back into the State to conduct terrorst operations for its secession from India.

Return of Gold from Portugal

1360. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1453 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1991 and states: